

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
November 30, 1948--4:10 p.m.  
Monnet Hall Room 101

The Senate met in regular session with President G. L. Cross in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cross, Pres. G. L.  
Beach, Leonard B.  
Benson, Oliver E.  
Blankenship, Forrest F.  
De la Torre, A. M.  
Eaton, Howard O.  
Ewing, Cortez A. H.  
Farrar, C. L.  
Frederickson, E. A.  
Goodman, George J.  
Huntington, R. L.  
Keeley, Joe  
Keeton, W. Page  
Larsh, Howard W.  
Matlock, J. Ray  
Meacham, E. D.

Monnet, V. E.  
Morgan, L. N.  
Pray, Joseph C.  
Rinsland, Henry D.  
Schultz, E. J.  
Sears, Alfred B.  
Self, J. Teague  
Shuman, Ronald B.  
Sneed, Earl  
Snyder, L. H.  
Sommers, Blanche E.  
Springer, C. E.  
Kardell, M. L.  
Winfrey, L. E.  
Herbert, H. H.  
Penfound, Wm. T.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Adams, Arthur B.  
Brixey, John C.  
Cass, Carl B.  
Comp, L. A.  
Copeland, Fayette  
Livezey, Wm. E.  
Richter, Kenneth M.  
Swearingen, Lloyd E.  
Taylor, Joseph R.  
Good, Leonard  
Lottinville, Savoie\*

NOTE: Professor Savoie Lottinville reported to the secretary of the University Senate that his absence was due to the fact that he would be out of town due to illness of a relative.

A journal for the Senate of the previous meeting was approved.

Certain recommendations were made by the Senate on October 25 and referred to President Cross for his final action. A communication from President Cross to the Senate concerning these recommendations and the action taken is briefly summarized as follows:

(1) SENATE RECOMMENDATION: That pay for the summer months be at the same monthly rate as that for the regular session.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION: It is not possible at this time for me to approve the recommendation of the Senate. (A detailed explanation from the president as to the reasons why the recommendation could not be approved was given.)

(2) SENATE RECOMMENDATION: That the university administration use insofar as possible the same principles in determining summer teaching loads as are used for the regular session.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION: This recommendation is acceptable. (The president stated orally, however, that he hoped that this would be done by reducing the number of course offerings, instead of increasing the number of faculty members during the regular summer session.)

(3) SENATE RECOMMENDATION: That the "practice of the pre-advisement period be discontinued".

PRESIDENT'S ACTION: We do not have a pre-advisement period and therefore no action is necessary, (The president stated that a system of continuous advisement should be encouraged.)

(4) SENATE RECOMMENDATION: That the Chairman of the Senate appoint a special committee of three persons to investigate the problems of priority of sectioning during the regular three days of enrolment and make a recommendation to the University Senate.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION: An over-all committee to study the problem of advisement, enrolment, and sectioning was appointed by President Cross consisting of Howard Eaton, Chairman, Cortez Ewing, Howard Larsh, J. E. Fellows, and B. D. Timmons.

Dr. Howard Eaton, Chairman of the Special committee appointed by President Cross, submitted the following report which was approved:

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
PROBLEMS OF ADVISEMENT AND ENROLMENT

I. Your committee has begun an active study of the whole program and wishes at this time to make a report of progress. Questionnaires have been sent to the following groups of persons as a basis for this study:

1. To advisors in the University of Oklahoma requesting information as to what are the procedures and problems on this campus.
2. To the registrars of several comparable universities requesting certain specific items of information as to practices in those institutions.
3. To a reasonably large sample of the student body of this university to ascertain what are the problems of the student in this connection.

It is the hope of your committee to study this material and make a detailed report in the near future.

II. With regard to the problem of priority enrolment your committee feels that as long as the University is not able to permit unlimited enrolment in certain courses, it is under ethical obligation to ensure that so far as possible no student will be deprived of an enrolment which is essential for his graduation. To this end a system of priorities in granting early access to the class assignment facilities at registration should be set up keeping the following factors and conditions in mind:

Certain seniors and certain other students should be given priority if in the opinion of their advisor their program of studies includes courses likely to be closed early in the registration period, and which form an integral part of a sequence of courses which should not be interrupted.

Also, students majoring in departments located on the North Campus or South Campus should be given priority if in the opinion of their advisor such priority is necessary to ensure progress toward graduation on schedule.

III. The mechanics for operating the system of priorities here proposed should be as simple and uniform as possible. All applications for priority in class assignment should originate with the student's advisor. Any student who believes he meets the above conditions should request an "Application for Enrolment Priority" from the Office of Admissions and Records. The student will take this card to his advisor. If the advisor is willing to approve this request the student would file it with the Office of Admissions and Records.

A responsible University faculty committee should have over-all supervision of the system, and should have the power to determine within the limits of available registration facilities just which priority requests are to be granted. A complete statement of University policy should be published in the Gazette, so as to inform students who receive priority cards through the mail that these cards are to be presented when they request early admission to the class assignment building. It is recommended that the Senate committee appointed to study this problem be authorized to administer this priority system for the coming enrolment.

It was the consensus of this committee that not more than a total of 2500 priorities could be granted for the coming registration. However, the committee believes that the exact number of priorities to be granted should be determined by the number of applications and their merit.

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At the General Faculty meeting last April 15, the faculty voted to submit the question on "the advisability of a plan whereby credit could be given to students taking special examinations to satisfy some specific conditions or to secure the waiver of that condition". This question was referred to the University Senate by Dr. A. K. Christian, secretary of the General Faculty on November 20. The Senate referred the question to the Committee on Curriculum and University Standards for a report at the next meeting of the Senate.

Professor Joe Coulter, Chairman of the Department of Aeronautics, requested of the Senate permission to change the name of the department to "The Department of Aviation." The request was approved.

The Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. E. Hatfield, Secretary  
University Senate